Notice of Preparation Notice of Preparation To: _____ From: Shawn Oriaz 464 West Fourth Street, 6th Floor, Mail Station 827 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (Address) (Address) Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report Caltrans will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project. The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (\square is \blacksquare is not) attached. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please send your response to Shawn Oriaz at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency. Project Title: State Route 18 Mojave River Bridge Deck Overlay Project Project Applicant, if any: Caltrans Date: 12/08/2022 Signature: shawn oriaz Digitally signed by shawn oriaz Date: 2022.12.08 09:24:30 -08'00' Title · Senior Environmental Planner Telephone: (909) 501-5743

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, and 15375.

STATE ROUTE 18 MOJAVE RIVER BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY PROJECT Project number 08-1L830

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes deck maintenance on the Mojave River Bridge. Project also proposes upgrading the outside bridge rails, inside median barrier and approach guardrails. Project also proposes to replace joint seals and install bat panels.

LOCATION

State Route 18 Mojave River Bridge at post mile 95.4.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Environmental concerns at this location include a mitigated bat population that were moved from a bridge located on I-15. Anticipated permits include a California Department of Fish & Wildlife 1600 permit and Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 permit. In addition, a Jurisdictional Delineation approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers is also anticipated.